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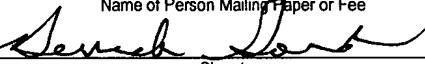
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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2000, which provides for a response period ending February 22, 2001.

An Appendix entitled Version with Markings to show Changes Made, showing current amendments to the specification and claims 20, 40 and 43, is attached hereto.

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This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Please amend the above-identified United States patent application as follows: